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Applicant of: Gary P. Schroth

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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the final Office Action mailed February 2, 2006, in connection with the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith are

a **Petition for an extension of time**; and

a **Notice of Appeal**.

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